

Dodgers Rid Of Weaknesses

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Some baseball fans act in disbelief at the ability of the Los Angeles Dodgers to win ball games. Pennants are customarily won by great hitting teams, but the current trend of the slugging ball clubs is to win 10-4 one day and get beat 3-2 the next. It looks good in the batting averages but not in the standings.

In my opinion, the best way to evaluate a pennant contender is examine closely the weaknesses of each team. It is also nice to know the good and bad habits of the manager. The Dodgers do not have a glaring weakness right now and Skipper Walt Alton is having his best year as manager, so the Dodgers' bid for another pennant should not be too surprising.

Not since the Dodgers came to Los Angeles from Brooklyn has a better job been done of handling the pitching staff. It reminds us of the better days of the New York Yankees.

The Dodgers like to carry 10 pitchers throughout the year. Most teams carry nine pitchers and there are occasions when some managers go through the entire staff to salvage one game. No wonder everybody is out of commission to start the next game.

It has been great for the Dodgers that Sandy Koufax and Don Drysdale have not been used in late inning relief as has been the case in prior years.

Obviously, with Phil Regan, Ron Perranoski and Bob Miller in the bull pen, there is no need to take the four starters out of rotation for relief. When these three "firemen" cannot make it through a ball game, Alton is satisfied. "You can't win 'em all!"

When the Dodgers came to Los Angeles in 1958, newspaper accounts were rampant with feature stories about all the great ballplayers in town. The team had not been lower than third in the National League going back to 1944. Most reknowned among the squad were World Series heroes Duke Snider, Carl Furillo, Carl Erskine, John Podres, Gil Hodges and Clem Labine. But only Podres did much in L.A. It may have been the sudden departure from Ebbetts Field in Brooklyn and the invasion of an unpopular Coliseum with its makeshift "Chinese Screen," but whatever it was, some of the guys never did anything right.

One of the newcomers who got a lot of raves was second baseman Charlie Neal. Charlie was one of the few Dodgers who belonged in the Coliseum because he hit a home run over the left field fence once in a while. Neal drives a bus today because he couldn't make it in a big park.

Labine was supposed to be the great relief pitcher in those days, but it got to the point when he came in to pitch at the Coliseum, you left the stadium or turned off your radio and read about it in the paper the next day!

Speaking of weak spots. Remember how it took three years for the management to make up its mind about Stan Williams?

Because GM Buzzie Bavasi latched onto Wally Moon for the 1959 season, Maury Wills came of age, and Roger Craig flourished on the mound, the Dodgers won the pennant and beat the White Sox for the World Series. It was almost a miracle!

Craig moved on to the Mets to become a 20-game loser and Moon later got lost at spacious Dodger stadium.

Since the early 60's the Dodger organization has dwelled on youth. Great things were promised from Tommy and Willie Davis, Ron Fairly and Wes Parker. There are more frustrated Dodger fans who expect them to hit more home runs now they have matured. But one thing these stars don't have a glaring weakness. Even with young Jim Lefebvre batting fifth and 30-year-old Lou Johnson playing the part of the heavy, the Dodgers field a pretty balanced line-up.

About the only doubtful spot in the whole system earlier in the year was the lack of righthanded batters. But Dick Stuart, Al Ferrara, and John Kennedy have come to the rescue somewhat. Dick Schofield, obtained from the Yankees, may help make a runaway of the pennant.

The Dodgers gave up unpredictable Frank Howard for Claude Osteen, and this year landed Phil Regan for John Podres.

Osteen has won more games in two years than the number of home runs Howard might have hit. Regan is the most popular guy at Dodger Stadium today.

It doesn't look like Catcher John Roseboro will ever wear out and the Dodgers don't talk much about getting another catcher.

There are so many Don Suttons, Joe Moellers, Bill Singers, Nick Wilhites, Jim Brewers and other young pitchers waiting for a chance to go to work, it's a shame to waste the talent on one team.

No, the Dodgers don't need a Willie Mays, Mickey Mantle or Henry Aaron in the line-up to win a pennant. The only thing the Dodgers need is a bigger stadium to take care of the fans!

Prep Football Begins Friday

Gemini-Titan — 11 has returned to earth after a successful three days in orbit, but the countdown is just getting under way for the launching of the prep football season. The 1966 campaign will jolt off the pad with 132 games ticketed next weekend in the CIF, Southern Section.

The countdown has reached less than six days 'til blast-off with three games Thursday night, another 105 on Friday and 24 more on Saturday.

Starting off the hometown non-conference see-saw next Friday are Glendale vs. North at Redondo; Long Beach Jordan at South; Rolling Hills at West; Mira Costa at Bishop Montgomery; Leuzinger at Inglewood; Santa Monica at Long Beach Woodrow Wilson; Culver City at Palos Ver-

des (day); Beverly Hills vs. Lawndale at Leuzinger; Morningside at Aviation; and El Segundo vs. Neff at Bellflower.

Defending CIF "AAAA" champion, Mater Dei of Santa Ana (12-0-1) will wait until Saturday night to visit always-potent Redlands. Coach Bob Woods of Mater Dei (replaces Dick Coury, now at USC) reports his 1966 club is deeper than we were at this stage last season.

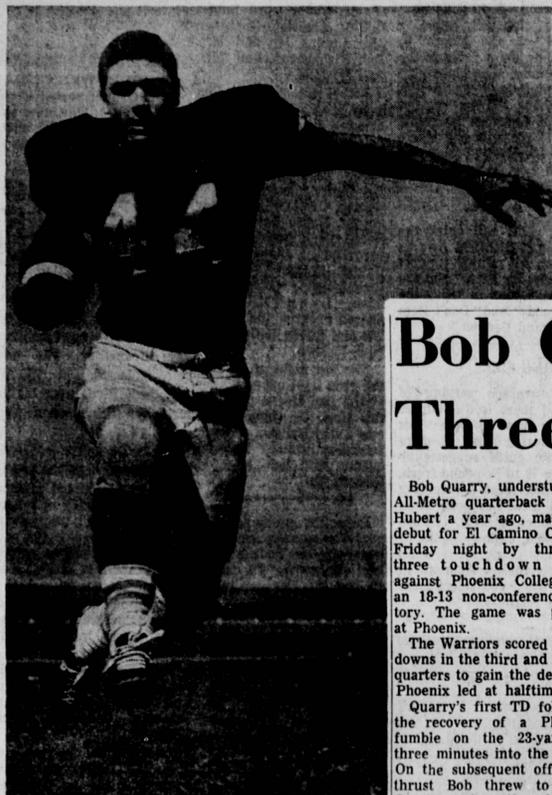
"Steve Pultorak (6-4, 240) is right now the best defensive lineman around," noted coach Woods.

Centennial, runner-up to Mater Dei last fall, opens Friday night by hosting perennial power-house, Loyola, at Ramsaur Stadium. The Apaches' entire offensive backfield returns intact; QB Wayne Simpson (6-2, 205),

halbacks Mickey Cureton (5-8, 175) and Leonard Randle (5-6, 140) and fullback Robert Thomas (5-9, 180).

Loyola introduces Terry Mackprang to the tailback spot handled so ably by Paul Horgan, Steve Grady, Mike Bergdahl and Phil Jebbia in recent years. The Cubs still run from the single-wing.

"Game of the Week" honors for the first weekend go to the El Rancho — Santa Ana Valley titanic on Friday night at the Santa Ana Bowl. Other Friday night games featuring teams expected to be rated highly during the season: Hawthorne vs. Pasadena at the Rose Bowl; Santa Monica at Long Beach Wilson St. Anthony at Santa Barbara, Chaffey at Anaheim; and Long Beach Poly at Westminster.



SCRAPPY HALFBACK... Chris Farasopoulos (44) of North High helped launch the football season in a 0-0 intrasquad game Friday night. He will lead the Saxons against Glendale next Friday at Torrance Stadium (Press-Herald photo).

GLENDALE NEXT

North Scoreless In 'Squad' Game

There was no scoring in the annual North High intrasquad Blue-and-White game Friday night. About 1,000 students gathered at North Stadium for the "preview" played under game conditions.

Coach Ed Levy turned the show over to his assistants for the evening. Coach Jerry Nicholson's Blue Saxons came the closest to scoring in the third quarter when Halfback Steve Combs raced 44 yards to the White Saxon 6 yard line. A holding penalty wrecked the drive at the 1 yard line.

Halfback Rich Gonzales, nursing a bruised leg, was the only regular not suited up for the game. Early in the encounter reserve quarterback Dan Hansen suffered a similar bruise around the right knee and sat out three quarters.

Hansen was replaced on the Blue Squad by Senior Terry Skeen. Except for poor team timing on offense Skeen was able to move the Blue Saxons' attack.

Both Skeen and veteran QG Jerry Ball put on a thorough passing game, although Combs, Rick Creighton and Chris Farasopoulos were given plenty of opportunity to run with the ball. Best of the linemen were Steve Sharp, Walt Wheelis

Bob Quarry Tosses Three TD Passes

Bob Quarry, understudy to All-Metro quarterback Carey Hubert a year ago, made his debut for El Camino College Friday night by throwing three touchdown passes against Phoenix College for an 18-13 non-conference victory. The game was played at Phoenix.

The Warriors scored touchdowns in the third and fourth quarters to gain the decision. Phoenix led at halftime, 7-6.

Quarry's first TD followed the recovery of a Phoenix fumble on the 23-yard-line three minutes into the game. On the subsequent offensive thrust Bob threw to Dave Courtney who gathered in the ball at the 1-yard-line.

Moving into the second quarter Phoenix scored on a 66 yard drive in 12 plays. A 6-yard pass from Paul Fedock to Gary Kron tied the game and Pete Hernandez' place kick made it, 7-6.

El Camino moved ahead in the third period when Quarry connected to his former North High schoolmate Dave Hubert for a 49-yard score. The lead went to 18-7 in the fourth quarter when an ex-North High back Dave McGillivray gathered in a Quarry pass from 9 yards out.

MacGillivray was also used as a defensive back and excelled in the game. So did Bruce Winnie and Rich Stevens, playing linebacker roles for Camino.

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Rams Beat Papa Bear By 31-17

In the showdown between Papa Bear and Son of Papa Bear, father time took a licking as the Los Angeles Rams swallowed the Chicagoans, 31-17, before a Coliseum crowd of 58,916 Friday night.

Only a touchdown separated the National Football League Western Division rivals until the final two minutes when Lamar Lundy intercepted a Rudy Bukich pass and raced 33 yards for the clincher.

It was the first meeting between the two clubs since last winter when George Allen abandoned Papa George Halas to become headmaster of the Rams. Allen's departure from the Bears led to a contract dispute and court suit. Ultimately Halas conceded.

Following Friday night's defeat, Halas ignored the tradition of shaking hands with the winning coach — Allen.

Defeat on the football field has always been a bitter pill for Halas. In this outing his Bears blew a 10-0 first quarter lead and had two drives thwarted at the 19-yard-line in the late going.



BOB QUARRY
Three TD Passes

Trailing 18-13, Phoenix attempted an onside kick that failed, but an interception got them as far as the El Camino 27 late in the game.

El Camino's second non-conference outing will be at home next Saturday against Pierce.

Cerritos, which opened its season with a 21-7 win over Orange Coast Friday night, takes on Phoenix next weekend.

Santa Monica, opened its season with a 6-6 tie against defending Junior Rose Bowl champion Fullerton.

El Camino, 18-13

El Camino: TD—Courtney (23 pass from Quarry); Hubert (49 pass from Quarry); MacGillivray (13 pass from Quarry); Phoenix: TD—Kron (6 pass from Fedock and 13 pass from Mattingly); PAT—Hernandez (kick).

Cerritos, 21-7

Cerritos: TD—Dunn (14 pass from Olson); Bishop: TD—Kron (11 and 1 run); PAT—Braden (3 kicks); Orange Coast: TD—Georgino (18 pass from Mikels); PAT—Harper (kick).

Santa Monica, 6-6

Santa Monica: TD—Hall (8 pass from Fullerton); TD—Hall (18 pass from Erdhaus); Fullerton: TD—Crum (48 pass from Miller).

Greens Give South High 'New' Offense

By MIKE EGGERS
It looks like South High is going to have a kicker this year!

In their annual Green-and-White game Friday night the Green Spartans blanked the Whites, 14-0, on campus.

Using a veteran squad, South displayed a semblance of offense for the first time in three years. To top it off, the Spartans came up with a placekicker who went 2-for-2 on the point — after touchdown.

The offense will be led by Quarterback Snapper Douglas who directed the winning team Friday night. Tailback Jeff Arrieta, All-Bay League prospect, Dale Hewitt, halfback, End Augie Felando, and Guard Bob Priestly, were big guns in "preview night."

South will open its season at home next Friday against Long Beach Jordan of the Moore League.



NEW BLADES... Portland winger Tom McVie, left, and Goalie Dave Kelly have been traded to the Los Angeles Blades by the Buckaroos for Willie O'Ree, Los Angeles' high-scoring forward. The Blades commence practice at the Olympic Ice Arena in Harbor City tomorrow.

L. A. Blades Open Drills Monday at Olympic Arena

For the first time in the sunny Southland's history, a professional hockey team will open its pre-season training camp amid soft semitropical breezes and swaying palm trees.

A total of 26 aspirants are scheduled to join Los Angeles Blade coach and general manager at 8:30 a.m. today at the Olympic Ice Rink in Harbor City to start the three-week-plus practice grind.

The incongruity of men readying themselves for a winter sport in temperatures more conducive to surfing than skating has not been

lost on Flaman who has scheduled the two-a-day, two-hour drills at 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in order to give them a late afternoon respite. Flaman will give more passing attention to the octet of performers he obtained from the National League's Chicago Blackhawks, a team the Blades meet at the Sports Arena in an exhibition Saturday, October 1.

The eight include Defensemen Wally Chervier, Jerry Brissin, Mel Pearson, Jack Stanfield and Dick Meissner. Hendrickson and Johnson were loaned to Los Angeles last year.



FERNY FLAMAN
Begins Workouts

Quarterback 'To Tell' at West Hi

By JERRY REYNOLDS
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As the quarterback goes, so goes West High.

That's the nutshell evaluation of Coach Fred Peterson's 1966 varsity football squad.

The quarterback, Gary Swanson, captained his Brown squad to a 12-6 victory Friday night in the traditional Brown and Gold preview. But Swanson, a 5-9 senior who weighs in at 160, got plenty of help for a veteran,

line and three running backs. Ten of the starting eleven are lettermen — only Center Skip Hogue doesn't have a letterman. And a triple-threat backfield gives the Warriors plenty of running strength, if only moderate speed.

The backs — Joel Hons (6-0, 170), Gary Singleton (5-9, 170), and Bill DeWaide (5-9, 181) are veterans of last fall's campaign. Hons, who is the fastest for West, was a fa-

vorite target for Swanson's passes Friday. DeWaide, now recovered from an eye injury sustained last spring in a soccer game, scored both touchdowns on 3 and 15-yard runs. Up front, the Warriors are led by guard Alan Coward, a two-year letterman who rates a top All-CIF contender this fall.

Coward, a senior, is 5-10 and weighs 215 and moves like he's 25 pounds lighter. Tackles Mike Menth and

Steve Renz and guard John Black complete the interior line. Ends are Dave Boyd and Rich Schwanbeck.

But the key is Swanson. He will make the difference between a good team and an average team, Peterson says.

Backing up Swanson is sophomore Coy Hall, who captained the losing Gold team. Hall led the Gold team to its only score with a 30-yard touchdown pass to Jim Buckley.

Hall, Peterson says, shows promise — and he'll be around for three years. The soph completed 4 of 7 passes for 65 yards, compared to 2 for 6 and 38 yards for Swanson.

The Warriors lack depth at some positions, so injuries could be a second key to the season.

But if Swanson develops, West will be strong contender for Pioneer League honors.